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BEHEMOTH:

* STORSJÖ, SWEDEN - THE MONSTER OF LAKE STOR ("THE BIG LAKE"), NEAR ÖSTERSUND IN SWEDEN IS ONE OF THE FEW FAMOUS CREATURES, AND HAS BEEN MENTIONED IN BILK BEFORE (LAST TIME IN BILK 13/14). NOW STEN RENTZ-HOG, OF THE ÖSTERSUND MUSEUM, ON APRIL 3, 1987, IN A CONFERENCE FOR THE PRESS, EXPLAINED THAT HE PLANNED AN EXPEDITION TO FIND THE TRUTH. HE CLAIMED THAT THERE HAD BEEN MORE THAN 400 WITNESSES OF THE MONSTER SINCE 1635 - THOUGH I THINK THIS NUMBER IS TOO HIGH, AND IT MAY BE PURE GUESSWORK, LIKE THE 30,000 WITNESSES OF NESSIE SO OFTEN QUOTED. MY SOURCE IS AN AP REPORT FROM STOCKHOLM IN THE SONNTAG AKTUELL, 5. APRIL 1987, P.48C.

* LOUGH BRAY, WICKLOWS, IRELAND: THIS LAKE IS MENTIONED IN COSTELLO'S CLASSIC WORK. ON SEPT. 28, 1986, I WAS AT THE LOUGH, A PLACE WHERE

WOULD-BE SIGHTINGS HAVE HAPPENED IN THE PAST. I SAW, AT NOON, A DARK BLACK HUMP, MOVING THROUGH THE WATER, LEAVING A FOAMY WAKE, THEN A LONG BLACK NECK APPEARED IN FRONT OF THE WAKE, DISTINCT FROM THE HUMP: THEN IT ALL DISOLVED INTO A WATERSPOUT. DURING THE NEXT HOUR, I SAW SOME 20 MORE, BUT I DIDN'T MANAGE TO TAKE A PICTURE. FOR A PHOTO (A GENUINE FAKE) OF A MONSTER IN LOUGH LEANE, CO. KERRY, EIRE, TAKEN FROM McEWAN'S RECENT BOOK, SEE THE IRISH TIMES, 18. DEC 1986, P.13.

* LAKE WILLOUGHBY, VERMONT: 1971 - A. BESSE SAW A DARK, 2 OR 3-HUMPED MONSTER. ANOTHER WAKE EFFECT? CHAMP CHANNELS, 2/1986.

* LAKE MEMPHEMAGOG, VERMONT: MEMPHRE, THE LOCAL LAKE MONSTER, IS BEING STUDIED BY THE INTERNATIONAL DRACONTOLGY SOCIETY, FORMED BY JACQUES BOISVERT, WHO CONFESSES TO BEING SCEPTICAL. SINCE 1892, THERE HAVE BEEN 54 SIGHTINGS AND SOME 120 WITNESSES. IN 1983, B. MALLOY SAW MEMPHRE FROM A HILLTOP ABOVE THE LAKE. IN SEPT 1980, B. WHITCOMB SAW IT, LONG NECKED, EMITTING "A LONELY CRY". IN JUNE 1986, U & R FORTIN, ON A MOTOR BOAT NEAR AN ISLAND IN THE LAKE: IT SEEMED LIKE A BIG LIZARD, SPLASHING WITH ITS BACK LEGS. IN THE MIDDLE OF SEPT 1986, A COUPLE CLAIMED TO HAVE FILMED THE MONSTER OFF THE QUEBEC SHORE, BUT BOISVERT THINKS THE HEAD IS BUT A SNORKEL. THE SOCIETY ISSUES A NEWSLETTER, BUT I-VE NOT SEEN A COPY. IN GENERAL, MEMPHRE IS FROM 5 - 60 FT LONG, HAS A THIN NECK AND A SNAKE'S OR HORSE'S HEAD, AND IT SEEMS TO POSSESS FINS. (BOSTON SUNDAY GLOBE, 12. OCT 86, P.76; WHITE RIVER JUNCTION VALLEY NEWS, VT., 25. SEPT 86, P.4; CREDIT: LOREN COLEMAN). CHAMP CHANNELS 1/86 ADDS THAT THERE HAVE BEEN 75 REPORTS SO FAR, 5 IN 1985 - CONFLICTING FIGURES.



MALLOY'S MONSTER

* LOCH NESS, SCOTLAND: THE SCOTSMAN, 13. OCT 1986, P.7H, HAS A SHORT NOTE ABOUT THE SONAR EXPEDITION MENTIONED IN LAST BILK. FOR MORE ABOUT LOCH NESS AND STORSJÖ, SEE USO SECTION.

* LAKE TIANCHI, CHINA. THE INFO JOURNAL No. 51, FEBRUARY 1987, HAS ON P.27 A REPORT ABOUT A MONSTER IN THIS LAKE - IT WAS SEEN (I SUPPOSE) EARLY IN 1987 OR AT THE END OF 86 BY A GROUP OF TOURISTS. I'VE MENTIONED IT BEFORE, IN BILK 9 AND 10. THERE WERE REPORTS ABOUT IT IN THE FRENCH PRESS IN MAY 1985. IT HAS ALSO BEEN SEEN IN 1980 AND 1986. - I'M TRYING TO SORT OUT THE INFORMATION - WHEN THE THING SURFACES AGAIN, I'LL HAVE MORE ABOUT IT.

* LEON, SPAIN: THE SPANISH LAKE CREATURE MENTIONED IN LAST BILK HAS NOT BEEN MENTIONED IN ANY OF THE SPANISH PAPERS I CONSULTED.

LÉVIATHAN:

* ITALY: I MENTIONED A GIANT SHARK OFF ITALY IN BILK 13/14. I HAVE FOUND THE ORIGINAL ITALIAN ARTICLE FROM CORRIERE DELLA SERA, 28. SEPT 1986, P.6BC. I'M TRYING TO CONVINCE ONE OF MY ITALIAN FRIENDS TO TRANSLATE IT, SO YOU MAY HEAR FROM THIS SHARK AGAIN.

* STELLER'S SEA-COW! THE INFO JOURNAL No. 51, ON PP.15 - 18, HAS A REPORT ON THE POSSIBLE SURVIVAL OF STELLER'S SEA-SOW. IT'S A VERY INTERESTING PIECE OF WORK, AND WELL DESERVES TO BE READ. THE AUTHOR IS MICHEL RAYNAL, THE FRENCH CRYPTOZOOLOGIST.

KRAKEN:

* BAHAMAS/BERMUDAS: ACCORDING TO SCIENCE FRONTIERS 50,P.3, QUOTING NATURAL HISTORY (96:42, JAN 1987) THERE IS A CHAIN OF CAVES AND HOLES, LINKING THE BAHAMAS AND THE BERMUDAS ON THE OCEAN FLOOR, AND POSSIBLY THESE TWO WITH THE MEDITERRANEAN. THEREFORE, ARE THE GIANT OCTOPUSES OF ANDROS (THE LUSCA), OF BERMUDA AND OF THE MEDITERRANEAN THE SAME SPECIES IN THE SAME HABITAT?

* GREAT BRITAIN: ABOUT THE MYTH OF GIANT OCTOPUSES THERE, SEE MY ARTICLE IN THE INFO JOURNAL No. 51.

USO:

* ON MAY 29, 1985, MR LAKEMAN OBSERVED A SUBMARINE LIGHTWHEEL IN THE JAVA SEA. (SCIENCE FRONTIERS, 48)

* FLYING SAUCER REVIEW (THE MAG THAT FIGHTS AGAINST THE COMMUNIST THREAT WORLDWIDE AND ESPECIALLY IN UFOLOGY!), VOL.32,NO.1(1986),P.1111, REPORTS A UFO AT LOCH NESS, ON JULY 3,1986, OBSERVED BY MR & MRS WALTERS:"ENORMOUS GOLDEN LIGHT". (FOR MORE UFOs OVER THE LOCH, SEE MY ARTICLE IN THE INFO JOURNAL, No.51). THE SAME ISSUE OF FSR,P.21 AND 22: 1946, UFO CRASHES INTO LAKE STORSJÖ, SWEDEN.

* STRANGE CLOUD OVER THE SEA AT NORTHUMBERLAND, UK: THE SCOTSMAN, 25. AUG 1986, P.9n.

THIS & THAT:

* SCOTSMAN,18.AUG 1986,P.3- PHOTO OF MODEL DRAGON FROM A FESTIVAL AT FURTH IM WALD.

* SCOTSMAN, 20.AUG 86,P.6CDE: PHOTO OF PIPER AT LOCH NESS.

* SCOTSMAN, 9. JUNE 1986, P.8DE: STARFISH FALLS FROM THE SKY AT OBAN.

* SCOTSMAN, 20. SEPT 1986,P.1; 19.SEPT 86,P.6A: WHALE STRADED AT DUNURE, AYRSHIRE, 20 FT, 1 1/2-TON BOTTLE-NOSED. DIE RHEINPFALZ, 23. APRIL 1987 & SÜDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG, 23.APRIL: 2000 DOLPHINS STRADED NEAR PIRACANGA, BAHIA, BRAZIL - ONLY FEMALES AND YOUNG ONE DIE, SO POLLUTION CAN'T BE BLAMED. ZOOLOGISTS ARE CONFUSED, THE SPECIES IS SELDOM FOUND THERE IN GENERAL. THERE WAS ANOTHER CASE OF MASS-DEATH IN MARCH, WHEN 103 DEAD TURTLES STRANDED AT THE COAST OF APULLIA, ITALY. RHEINPFALZ, 16. MARCH 1987.

* A KOMODO DRAGON WAS DONATED TO THE ZOO OF MADRID, SPAIN, BY THE IN-DOONESIAN GOVERNMENT. ABC, MADRID, 9.AUG 1986, P.23BC

* ABC, THE MADRID NEWSPAPER, IN A REPORT ABOUT GRIMM'S EXPEDITION TO THE WRECK OF THE TITANIC, MENTIONS HIS PREVIOUS QUEST FOR THE LOCH NESS MONSTER. ABC, 5. AUG 1986,P.41.

* CHAMP CHANNELS, 4/1986, MENTIONS A SIGHTING OF A GIANT BIRD NEAR LAKE CHAMPLAIN. SIMILAR FLYING MONSTERS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED AT FALMOUTH AND LOCH HOURNE,SCOTLAND - BOTH WATERMONSTER-LOCATIONS.

* MARINE BIO-LUMINOUSCENCE OBSERVED NEAR TRAVEMÜNDE, GERMANY - DIE RHEINPFALZ, 29. JULY 1986.

* STERN, A GERMAN MAGAZINE, 21.AUG 1986,P.115 -SATIRE ON LOCH NESS.

* AN OSTRICH STRANDED AT THE SCILLY ISLANDS, CORNWALL. SURPRISE! THE D. TELEGRAPH, 14. OCT 1986.

* FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU, 1. NOV 1986,P.1, HAS A CARTOON WITH M. THATCHER AS A SEA-SERPENT CIRCLING THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

* GEO, A GERMAN MAGAZINE, IN SEPT 1986, HAD A REPORT ABOUT MYTHICAL ANIMALS, WITH A VERY SUPERFICIAL PSYCHOLOGICAL ANALYSES. PICTURES OF THE LNM (SURGEON'S PICTURE) AND SHIPTON'S YETI-TRACKS WERE PUBLISHED.

* COELACANTH: THE PET LIVING FOSSIL OF ALL CRYPTOZOOLOGISTS, WAS IN THE NEWS RECENTLY: FIRST, THE ZDF (GERMAN TV) IN ITS HEUTE NEWSCAST, 4. SEPT 1986, 7PM, SAID THAT JAPANESE SCIENTISTS HAD, FOR THE FIRST TIME, FILMED A LIVING COELACANTH. THEN, THE NEW SCIENTIST, 12. FEB 87,P.20, SAYS THAT GERMAN BIOLOGIST HANS FRICKE HAD FILMED A COELACANTH FOR THE FIRST TIME. SO WHAT?

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STEPHEN CAUGHT GLIMPSES OF EMERGENT ART AS ONE MIGHT HAVE A VISION OF THE PLESIOSAUROS EMERGING FROM HIS OCEAN OF SLIME.-JAMES JOYCE:STEPHEN HERO, PART XVI. NEXT BILK IN JULY. I HOPE YOU ENJOYED THIS ONE. ULRICH.